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"Sin as Story and Non-Story"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes on Genesis 3

October 1 at 10 AM

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LIFT Next Wednesday!

Join us for lasagna - at 5:30, and then the following activities:

- 6:15 PM
- Activities for Kids 4 - 5th Grade
- Middle School Youth Group
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- 6:30 PM - Classes for Adults
- **CETI Class:** CETI is an acronym in Spanish—Comunidad de Estudios Interdisciplinarios. This curriculum was created in Argentina and speaks to these very real questions about what it means to gather together with a perspective that's new and fresh for us as we continue to grow together as a community that is represented by more than one culture.
- **Art Activities:** Open Art Studio for High Schoolers & Adults.
- **Tech Team Meeting:** If you've been interested in what the Tech Team does during our Sunday worship services, or if you'd like to learn all about cameras, switching, and sound boards - please feel free to join us at 6:30 in the Tech Booth in the sanctuary.



Teológicos

Encountering Grace at the Border and Finding a Home

This week Faithward.org, the RCA's online magazine, published an article written by two of our pastors, Pastor Angel and Pastor Janelle, about Frontera de Gracia in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and the El Encuentro worship service here at Third. Here is an excerpt:

Since early 2019, Frontera de Gracia has housed and aided thousands of migrants and asylees from around a dozen countries from Latin America and beyond, and facilitated a feeding program during the pandemic that sustained countless local and immigrant families alike. The tiny church poignantly blurs the meaning of "sanctuary" as refuge and as a house of worship. During the week, mattresses line the floor of the worship space, creating a makeshift dormitory, and on Sundays, the chairs are returned to welcome congregants and shelter guests alike to gather for worship and hearing of the Word.

A welcoming community in Holland, Michigan

Being a church of immigrants isn't new to Third Reformed Church, in Holland, Michigan. Founded in 1867 to welcome the ongoing emigration from the Netherlands to the USA, Third Reformed members can reach back in time and recall when English wasn't the primary language, and "home" was a complicated topic for families starting over, or separated by their emigration process. The church grew and thrived as a deeply Reformed, humbly generous, worshiping body passionate for preaching and supporting the mission of Christ's gospel...

You may read the full article here: <https://www.faithward.org/encountering-grace-at-the-border-and-finding-a-home/>

If you'd like a printed copy of the article please contact the church office.

Announcements

Mosaic Class

October 1

God Is Never Far Away: The Presence of God In The Tabernacle

Dr. Tom Boogaart, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Western Seminary

In this session we will look closely at the tabernacle and see how its architecture represents the days of creation and how worship for the people of Israel was seen as re-creation—the world being born again.

Corinthian Correspondence, Part Deux

This class takes place in room 22 on the lower level (up by the Centennial Room). All are welcome; prior attendance is not required.

Church Office Hours

Beginning tomorrow, Friday, September 29, the church office will close at noon on Fridays for the rest of the calendar year.

Third Church Family News Congratulations

To Katherine and Luke Panning on the birth of their daughter Lena.

Sympathy

To Milly and Lee Ten Brink on the death of Milly's sister, Arlene Schuitema in Iowa. Arlene was a long-term RCA missionary who served in Ethiopia, Sudan and Zambia.

Happy Birthday

To Tom TenHoeve who turns 88 on Sunday, October 1.

Prayer Requests

Prayers of Celebration and Thanksgiving

For the birth of a daughter, Lena, to Katherine and Luke Panning.

Prayers of Condolences:

- Milly and Lee Ten Brink on the death of Milly's sister, Arlene Schuitema in Iowa.
- Elle and Bob Kuiper on the death of Elle's sister, Ruth in Illinois.
- Friends and family of Ruby Steketee who died on September 19.
- Family and friends of Henry Ploegstra who died on September 18.
- Ardith and Keith Doorenbos on the death of Ardith's sister Heidi in Pennsylvania.

Pray for the following:

- Pray for all migrants and refugees throughout the world. Pray for the new families that have arrived in Holland. Pray for housing for all migrants and refugees.
- Pray for all the young school children. Especially pray for those who are attending school in a new country, new school, and new language.
- Those recuperating at home: Sandra Ter Haar and Carl Folkert.
- For Mary Boersen who has moved to American House.

- Pray for LIFT on Wednesday evening, children and youth activities as well as all discussion groups, Bi-lingual Bible study and art activities.
- Pray for the country and people of Libya after the devastating flood. Pray for the many who have lost family members. Pray for the country and people of Morocco after the earthquake.
- For those who cannot come to worship on Sunday morning and those who care for sick family members.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos

Prayer Spotlight

The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village-Martha Beld, Esther DePree, Mary Heideman, Shirley Hoksbergen, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Linda Parchert.

Remember in Our Prayers

Reno Lamania, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Boersen, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Tom Norman, Linda Parchert, and all others who find themselves in difficult and lonely situations.

Missionaries

Linn G. (Asia), Cheryl Barnes (Malawi), Lubna Y. (Asia).